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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Statistics of plague in California.

Total cases of plague at San Francisco verified bacteriologically to May 16, 121; total cases verified clinically, 38; total deaths, 77. The last case at San Francisco was taken sick January 30 and confirmed by bacteriological examination as plague February 8, 1908. Date of finding of last plague-infected rat, May 23.

The last case at Oakland, Cal., died December 22, 1907. The last plague-infected rats at Oakland were found during the week ended April 11, 1908. The only case at Berkeley, Cal., died September 1, 1907. The only case at Point Richmond, Cal., was taken sick November 27, 1907, and recovered.

Report from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, and Berkeley, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Week ended May 23.

Sick inspected	31
Dead inspected	106
Premises inspected	20,149
Necropsies held	1
Houses disinfected	54
Houses destroyed	2
Buildings condemned	11
Nuisances abated	3,307
Rats found dead	344
Rats trapped	4,432
Total rats taken	4,776
Rats identified:	
Mus decumanus	3,285
Mus rattus	90
Mus musculus	590
Total	3,965
Rats examined bacteriologically	3,277
Rats infected with bacillus pestis	6
Poisons placed	163,000